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1) ModSecurity,
2) Apache Security (O’Reilly),
3) SSL Labs,
4) ModSecurity Handbook (Feisty Duck),
5) IronBee (a brand new open source web application firewall)
It’s been 10 years. Web application firewalls have been around for a while, and yet they are not very popular.
It’s not that they are not needed. Most big organisations will manually implement at least some of the WAF functionality.
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The key features are **visibility**, **inspection**, and ability to **fix problems** (e.g., virtual patching).
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However, having yet another **expensive appliance** and a **black box** is just not appealing enough.
Also, due to **overlapping organisational boundaries**, it’s often not even clear who the buyer is.
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Solution?  
1) Embed in infrastructure,  
2) lower costs,  
3) make easier to use, and  
4) expose as a framework.
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